



Changing Lives, One Adoption At A Time

September 2024



A Home of His Own

Stewie came to Safe Haven in the summer of 2022 with a story that could break even the coldest heart.

Life started off pretty good for Stewie. He was born in the South and became a show dog. With those big brown eyes and perfect physique, he was purchased in hopes of breeding more beautiful pups. But then life took a turn and his new owner was unable to care for him. Soon he was kenneled, and then, after some mischief involving a cat, was tied up in his kennel with a short tie-out. He spent four long years outside in all weather with only

a shed for shelter. His tie-out was long enough to go the length of his kennel and a small area in the shed. Not ideal for a guy with a very short coat. A bad break for his new caretaker became a great stroke of luck for Stewie. An eviction notice meant that Safe Haven received a call for help. He was relinquished on August 9th, 2022 and spent two years winning everyone's heart. He taught our volunteers to play Stewie Ball, enjoyed picking out new toys to deconstruct, and snuggling on the couch after a good walk, preferably not in the snow. Not a bad way to spend two years, but we all wanted him to have his own couch and a family to call his very own. A concerted effort was started to find that perfect home. Two years was long enough. If it weren't for his strong prey drive and the need to be the only child, we all knew Stewie would have been adopted a long time ago.



Insert flashback music

Right about the time Stewie was exiled to a cold kennel, a family lost their precious family dog. They spent years missing their furry family member but the time never felt right to bring a new dog home. When they finally felt ready for a new pet, they weren't really looking to adopt from a shelter, until they found Stewie's profile. They were a bit unsure at first because of his high prey drive, even though he was super adorable. But then Amanda Wiebold, a Safe Haven volunteer, sent them a pic of Stewie and raved about what an amazing dog he was. That set them on their journey, and they quickly fell for Stewie's playful and loving personality. Our volunteers were upfront on Stewie's traits, eating habits, and health. They also shared the wonderful relationship he had with his best buddy Terry at a local care center. As a bonus, his adoption fee was sponsored by Kaitlyn's Pupcakes of Tiffin, Iowa.

In the end it was Stewie that won them over. How could they resist those big brown eyes? They adopted Stewie one day short of celebrating his second year at Safe Haven and picked him up at Terry's care center, not for a final good-bye, but to introduce Terry to Stewie's new family, who will continue Stewie's visits.

Afterwards, they took him to a home he could call his own filled with all the things on his wish list: a couch, durable toys for rounds of Stewie Ball, and a family to love. His new mom reports; "In the short time we've had him, we can definitely say Stewie is a GREAT dog!!! If it hadn't been for Safe Haven, he might not have had the chance to live his best life, but now - he does! He is taking in all of the new sights, smells, and occasional naps on the deck. He loves his new ball-tug toy - it has a handle so it makes playing with him lots easier!" They no longer need a morning alarm as Stewie has been climbing in bed with them around 6:30am, ready to play, of course!



Others, like Stewie, who have a family to call their own.



McFlurry, now Boston, is very spoiled and loved! He absolutely loves the other cat in the house. They are always playing or grooming each other.



JW is adapting well! We changed his name to Spice! He is very playful and getting along with our older cat! They play together all the time!



Ginger loves car rides and hates when her new human does anything without her. She gets the biggest wiggle butt whenever she comes home and is always down for cuddles and relaxing. Her favorite pastimes are playing with her stuffed pig, snuggling on the couch under her blankie, or riding shotgun so she can see everything that is going on!



Salem (the kitten formerly known as Mori) has settled into his new home quite nicely. Since day one he has tried to convince us kittens can have people food and would take off with whatever scrap he could steal if we weren't watching. Now he and his siblings Nova (cat 7 y/o) and Jasper (cat 7 y/o) get a wet food supper when we do to combat this. He has recently discovered he is now big enough to jump up on the kitchen counter to "help" his human mama prep dinner. And by "help" I mean help himself if mama turns her back for even a second. He enjoys playing with his human sister (4 y/o) and his feline siblings. Nova isn't one for the energy and tends to steer clear of him while he is wound up but Jasper takes delight in having a playmate. He also enjoys a snuggle or two from the little guy. Nova will tolerate cuddles but as long as he is calm. He has grown so much in the month and a half since coming home and has become a much beloved member of the family.

More Alumni



BRUTUS
(RIGHT) WITH
NALA



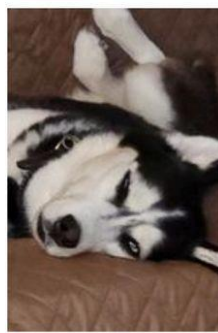
ARLO (BRANDON), NALA (NIKKI), LILA, FELIS (TRUFFLES)



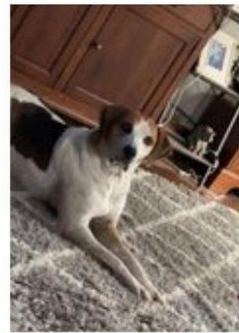
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(BINGO)



CHARLIE
(CHUCKIE)



CHLOE



DENNIS (CHASE)



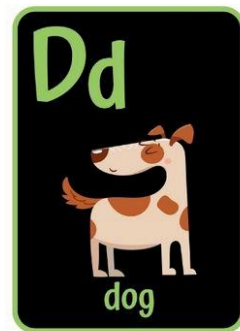
DOUG



DUTCH



FLETCH (FINN)



And More Alumni



GEORGE



LOKI AND BINX (BINX PASSED AWAY EARLIER LAST MONTH AND IS SURELY OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE TELLING THEM EXACTLY HOW THINGS SHOULD BE DONE. RIP SWEET BOY)



GINGER



GRACIE
(MARILYN)



JACKSON



JASMINE (OPAL)



MAXWELL



NALA



OAKLEY



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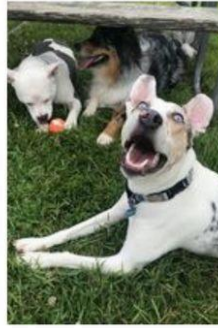
Even More Alumni



OZZY



SIMBA &
PERCY



SKY



RYDER



PENNY
(PRECIOUS)



PETEY



RIO



SCARLET &
CINNAMON



TANNER



SHELBY



ZEUS (BANKS)





Iowa County Community Foundation
2024 Grant Awards Celebration
 Thursday, July 25, 2024
 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Parnell City Hall
 600 Cleveland St., Parnell



here for good

2024 Grant Recipients

Arts & Culture
 Amana Heritage Society
 Iowa County Genealogical Society
 Iowa County Historical Society

Community Betterment
 City of Millersburg
 City of Parnell
 City of Williamsburg
 Leaders Development Committee
 North English Beneficial Fire District

Education & Youth Development
 City of Millersburg
 Parents and Leaders for Students
 Williamsburg Community Child Care

Environmental & Animal Welfare
 City of North English
 Safe Haven of Iowa County

Health
 Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Human Service
 Domestic Violence Prevention Program
 Families Helping Families of Iowa
 North English Community Center
 Rural Employment Alternatives, Inc.

2024 Grant Totals
18 GRANTS
\$144,214.00
 AMOUNT GRANTED

Funds that made the 2024 grants possible
 Iowa County Expendable Fund
 Iowa County Endowment Fund

Thank you to our volunteer committee!
 Paulette Dietrich
 Erin Eichhorn
 Ellie Garringer
 Trefon Forrest
 Natasha Hauschilt
 Ann Krakow
 Bonnie Romine

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PIC•COLLAGE

Safe Haven was honored to receive funding from the 2024 Iowa County Community Foundation Grants. An awards ceremony took place recently, where many great local organizations were awarded funds for various projects.

The grant money Safe Haven received from this funding opportunity will be going towards the purchase of our next set of six new dog kennels for the housing of our adoptable dogs. Many of our current kennels are original to Safe Haven, and showing obvious signs of wear & typical rusting. We are very excited to tackle this costly project with the help of these funds.

August Adoptions



AUBREY,
BENNETT,
SHEENA



BUBBA



CHERRY,
TWO-BIT,
SODA POP



GINGER



ANSEL



INGRID



BETTY &
SWEETY



STEWIE



FELIX



DOUG



GARBANZO
& CHICKPEA



CASEY



More August Adoptions



DAISY



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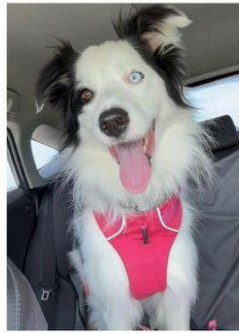


REINA

New Kids on the Block



REBA



REINA



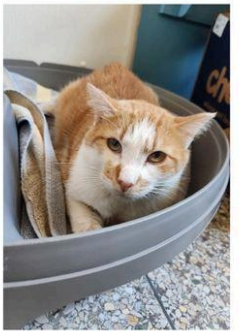
ZACH



VIVIAN



BLAZE



COLBY

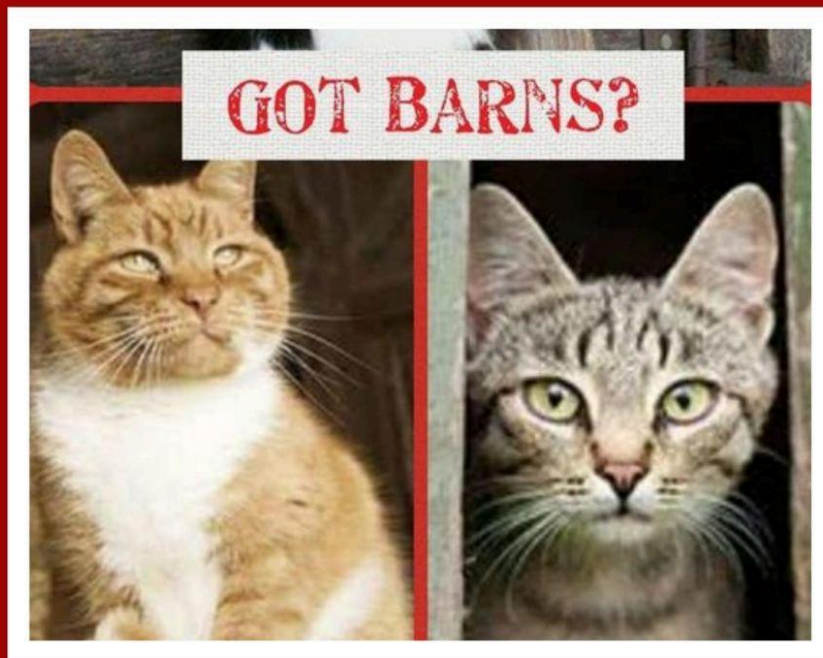


LUCY



PONY GIRL





Looking for a potential mouser or “working cat”? We may be able to help! Safe Haven has recently had several calls and emails from people that are looking for new homes for community cats that they have found outside. Many are feral or under socialized, and they just need a safe, permanent home where someone can make sure their needs are being met!

Sadly our shelter is often not able to take these less socialized kitties in as adoptable cats, but we would love to still help find them new homes, at no cost to someone interested in providing a safe environment for them. All current vetting fees (spayed/neutered and vaccinated) are covered by Safe Haven, so they are available at no cost - just a promise to meet their needs.

So if you have a barn/shop/stable/warehouse that could provide shelter and daily food and water for this type of cat - please email our Safe Haven volunteer Courtney at: cralph@wesavepets.com

Out and About With Reina



Reina made her first visit to the residents at Briarwood and has a natural talent for making new friends and spreading smiles.



Reina was born to be a star. She loved all the attention, excitement, and the view out the studio window!



Safe Haven's
Fall Harvest Sale
September 19th, 20th, & 21st
Hours: Thursday & Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 3 pm
Located in our Parking Lot at: 2783 Hwy 6, South Amana



Safe Haven Bake Sale
Friday 10/4 1pm-5pm
Saturday 10/5 9am-5pm





Safe Haven
of Iowa County




QUILT RAFFLE
Handmade by Peg Lown

Win this unique, handmade quilt, all while helping
Safe Haven of Iowa County!



The quilt is on display inside the
Amana Colonies Visitors Center.



Tickets
\$1.00 each
or 6/\$5.00

Tickets can be purchased at
Heritage Designs Inc. Quilting and
Needlework (located next to the
Amana Colonies Visitors Center).

Drawing will be held on
October 6th, 2024.
Need not be present to win.

VFW AUXILIARY • 208 STATE ST • WILLIAMSBURG, IA



NOVEMBER 9, 2024 • 8AM

Support A Vet Save A Pet 5K

Registration at 7am. Race starts 8am

SCAN TO REGISTER:



REGISTER BEFORE RACE DAY \$20 FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT :
DAY OF RACE REGISTRATION \$25

REGISTER PRIOR TO 10/15/2024
TO RECIEVE A FREE T-SHIRT



<http://supportavetsaveapet5k.ludus.com>

The VFW Auxiliary Post 8797 and Safe Haven of Iowa County are teaming up to raise funds for our local veterans and our local animal shelter with the "Support A Vet, Save A Pet" 5K and one-mile fun run/walk!! This is the first ever joint-event between these two great organizations, please join us and help make it a success! There will also be a Waffle Breakfast following the event at St Paul's United Methodist Church in Williamsburg for everyone to enjoy - so it is full morning of activities and ways to support useven if you aren't a runner! Registration is already open so RUN or WALK over to the link below to sign up: www.supportavetsaveapet5k.ludus.com/



It All Adds Up!

You have seen volunteers and possibly other community members dropping off Iowa Refundable soda and alcohol cans and bottles in the 2 large outdoor containers at Safe Haven. Currently the Iowa Refundable proceeds are being used for spaying and neutering community cats. Safe Haven's own cats are generally spayed or neutered by Dr. Barb Roland on our "vet days" at the shelter but we also have a program to help fund spays or neuters and transporting to and from either Iowa Humane Alliance in Cedar Rapids or Carnsforth Veterinary Clinic near Victor.

A semi comes from the Can Shed to pick up the accumulated refundable cans and bottles that have been sorted into bags of aluminum, plastic, and glass containers. We are fortunate to have many businesses and organizations donate their cans and bottles, so they pile up quickly. By the time the Can Shed comes for a pick up, the cold storage area of Safe Haven is wall to wall bags.

At the last pick, there were 113 bags! Volunteers, led by Mary McCord, hustled the bags (and boxes of glass containers) to the loading dock and finished amazingly quickly. That load of cans and bottles netted \$1040, after deducting \$60 for a carton of 12 rolls of bags and \$15 for the services of the semi stopping to pick up the donated refundables. This is our summertime dollar amount. We can expect it to be less than that in the winter.

Thank you to all of you who bring refundables and to those who help collect, sort, and load them at Safe Haven. Thank you, too, to Williamsburg Manufacturing and Amana Golf Course who allow us to pick up their bags of unsorted soda bottles and cans for processing and sale.

If any of you know of other businesses that might want us to pick up theirs, please let me know.

Mary McCord
319-430-4509



by Shelley Berger



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#13 REESE OSGOOD

Every Wednesday, I join my crew in the surgery suite to help with the week's surgeries and procedures. It is, hands down, the best day of my week. I love the people I've worked shoulder to shoulder with these past few years and call them family. I've helped out with many of the working pieces at Safe Haven. In 2006, I walked dogs and helped with cats. I've fostered 85 cats and kittens - with only 2 foster fails.♥ I have taught kitten fostering classes. I planned the Fur Ball for the 1st ten years and helped at other fundraisers. I've taken kittens to Highland Ridge to visit the folks in the memory unit. I've created flyers and have been plugging away at this newsletter for nearly two years. All of these have filled my cup to overflowing but in the surgery suite, with my little adopted family, I feel like I have really found my sweet spot.

On any given Wednesday, you can find our team bustling around the surgery suite, prepping the operating room, getting kennels ready for patients, or preparing records for the days agenda. My first couple of weeks in the surgery suite were pretty overwhelming. There are a lot of procedures and techniques to learn. At this time, I had only fostered a couple dozen kittens, and most had been very healthy. One of my foster kittens at the time was struggling with diarrhea and dehydration. He required sub Q fluids twice a day to keep him alive while he fought a virus. I had no experience with anything requiring needles and was pretty squeamish about trying to give fluids to a kitten weighing less than a pound. Kimberly Buresh was kind enough to stop by my place to give the fluids. I soon felt guilty about taking up so much of her free time not to mention putting extra miles on her car, so I asked her to teach me to do it. A short time later, she invited me to help Dr. Barb Roland in the surgery suite. Week after week, Dr. Barb and her team, including Susan Shaul-Scheer and Kimberly, patiently shared all I would need to know to be of help in the surgery suite and answered hundreds on questions in between. I was hooked! I couldn't have asked for better teachers. Dr. Barb has an easy way of explaining how to do something and why we were doing it. She shares her wide array of knowledge like a friend sharing her favorite recipe. Her leadership has modeled a wonderful work atmosphere that rarely feels like work. Our Wednesdays are filled with laughter and friendly banter. Even with inevitable mishaps, it's a perfect day.

It has been fun to share this new-found knowledge with others who spend time with us on surgery days. Everyone who joins us fills a spot we didn't know was needed until they walked through the door.

In August, we were blessed to have the help of Reese Osgood, a Hawkeye football player from Wisconsin, who plans to become a veterinarian. Reese came to us with some knowledge since his father was a vet, and he was comfortable with trying procedures and watching surgeries. Hopefully, he took home some new found skills and some tales from the Safe Haven Surgery Suite.



Taking Care of Business

Financial News:

July Expenses

Supplies	2,271.60
Payroll & Taxes	5,037.12
IHA Spay/Neuter	2,538.84
Specialized Vet Services	139.77
Surgery Suite Supplies	3,793.28
Water	96.46
Electric	552.39
Internet/Phone	103.63
Garbage	35.00
Accounting Services	492.53
Office Supplies	28.36
Grounds & Maintenance	171.20
Fundraising Expense	116.00
Advertising	116.00
Education/travel	96.72
Maintenance Repairs	146.94
Community Vet Assist	100.00
Enrichment Committee	575.79
TOTAL	\$16,411.63

August Surgical Suite Update:

Cat surgical suite:

- 7 spays
- 7 neuters
- 12 microchips
- 41 doses of wormers
- 29 doses ear meds
- 42 distemper vaccines
- 6 rabies vaccines
- 27 doses of Revolution
- 9 nail trims
- 9 FIV/FelV tests

Dog surgical suite

- 1 Distemper vaccine
- 4 Bordetella vaccines
- 4 heartworm/4DX tests
- 2 microchips
- 1 dental cleaning
- 1 wormer



Safe Haven Board Members



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Scheer



Colleen
Bowers

Board Meetings

Safe Haven's Board of Directors meets on the **first Tuesday of every month via Zoom at 6:30pm**. If you ever have concerns or questions that you would like to discuss with the board, please feel free to attend the first half an hour of the board meeting. If you are unable to attend at that time, you can always email the shelter at adoptions@wesavepets.com, with your concerns.



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